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The *Aging* Network in Illinois

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The *Aging* Network

is a service delivery system designed to meet the needs of elderly people who live in Illinois. The unifying force of the Network is the Illinois Department on Aging. Key Network components include 13 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and numerous community-based agencies, which locally provide direct services to older adults.

The Network also includes two advisory groups, the Illinois Council on Aging and the Coordinating Committee of State Agencies Serving Older Persons. Finally, the Administration on Aging, a federal agency, assists every U.S. state in assuring the needs of older people are being met nationwide.

The Illinois Department on Aging

The Department was created by the State Legislature in 1973 for the purpose of improving life quality for Illinois' older citizens. It is the single state agency in Illinois authorized to receive and dispense federal Older Americans Act funds, as well as state funds through Area Agencies on Aging and community-based service providers.

In addition to funding these agencies, the Department is responsible for planning, coordinating and evaluating programs and services provided through the Illinois Aging Network.

Serving older people with the greatest economic and social needs is first priority.

In accordance with federal regulations, the Department on Aging has divided Illinois into 13 Planning and Service Areas (PSAs).

Area Agencies on Aging

Each PSA is managed and served by an Area Agency on Aging. (See directory on reverse side.) The Department works in partnership with these agencies: 12 not-for-profit corporations and one unit of local government, the City of Chicago.

AAAs have the primary task of planning and coordinating services and programs for older people in their respective PSAs. The AAAs receive funding from the Department based on a formula which considers the number of older citizens and minorities in that area, as well as the number living in poverty, in rural areas and alone.

Like the Department on Aging, AAAs are not, as a rule, direct service providers. AAAs contract with local agencies which provide services to the older people who live in the same community.

Community-Based Service Providers

Community-based service providers are agencies which directly serve older adults. Community Care Program providers (offering in-home or adult day services) contract

directly with the Department on Aging. Other service providers, such as multipurpose senior centers, nutrition sites and information and referral centers, receive funds from the AAA serving their particular region.

In addition to receiving federal and state funds through the Department on Aging and AAA, community-based service providers often receive local funding.

Services Provided through the Aging Network

- **Access Services**
  - Information & Assistance
  - Transportation
  - Escort
  - Case Management
  - Outreach
  - Individual Needs Assessment
  - Elder Abuse & Neglect Intervention
- **Community Services**
  - Congregate Meals
  - Nutrition Education
  - Housing Assistance
  - Counseling
  - Health Screening & Evaluation
  - Education
  - Employment Services
  - Multipurpose Senior Centers
  - Legal Services
  - Recreation
- **In-Home Services**
  - Homemaker
  - Home Health
  - Friendly Visiting
  - Telephone Reassurance

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- Residential Repair & Renovation
- Adult Day Service
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Senior Companion

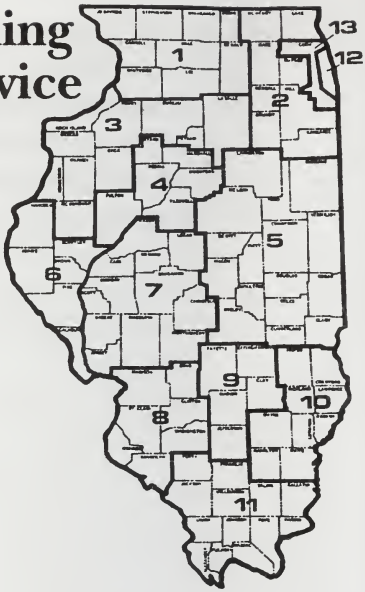
■ **Services to Residents of Care-Providing Facilities**
- Long Term Care Ombudsman services which protect nursing home residents' rights

Department on Aging Advisory Groups

The 31 members of the **Illinois Council on Aging** include eight legislators and 23 citizens-at-large. More than half must be age 55 or older. Citizen members are appointed by the Governor. The legislators (four Republicans and four Democrats) are appointed by Congressional leaders. The Council's duties include reviewing Department reports, plans, operations and funding distribution and consulting with the agency Director.

The **Coordinating Committee of State Agencies Serving Older Persons** consists of representatives from 22 state agencies and commissions. This group serves as a "clearinghouse" on programs for older adults, keeping up-to-date on senior priorities, ensuring optimum and efficient use of state resources, and promoting a coordinated response to programs and proposals for older adults. The committee also serves as a resource body to study and recommend action on issues beyond the scope of state government.

Planning & Service Areas



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